

2009 4-H Camps

We have lots of camping opportunities for 4-Hers and their families this year!



Willow Creek Classic will be held in late July rather than early June due to late school releases and full schedules. The camp will still have a family & natural resources focus. Watch for more information to come!

NEW this year!!! A camp for middle school kids only will be held **June 18-20** at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures, where we had camp last year. Only 4-H members that are going into 6th, 7th or 8th grades fall of 2009 will be able to attend. 4-Hers from other southwest Montana counties will also be attending this camp. Counselors are needed for this camp but must be going into their junior or senior year fall 2009 to be eligible. A counselor application form is available on the county 4-H website and must be turned in by the deadlines to be considered. Watch future newsletters for registration materials!

Gallatin County 4-H camp will be the week of June 23-26, held at Hyalite Youth Camp. Counselors and CIT's will need to fill out an application and return by deadline to be considered. The forms will be available at the March 5 planning meeting and on the website after that date. Camp registration materials will be available later this spring!

CAMP PLANNING MEETING - Attention any and all interested parents and teens!!!!

Any 4-H member interested in being a camp counselor or a CIT and parents are welcome to come. If this sounds like fun and you are willing to devote some of your time, please join us for this camp planning meeting. The meeting will be held on **March 5th at the Extension (4-H) Office in Belgrade at 6:30.** If you have any questions call the 4-H office at 388-3213.

4-H CAMP COUNSELORS & COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

This is your first step toward becoming a Camp Counselor or a Counselor in Training. Pick up your counselor or counselor in training application at the 4-H Office. Due to limited space available for CIT's at 4-H Camp, only the most qualified applicants will be selected. Those not selected may still come to camp, but as a camper, not a CIT. The Counselor in Training (CIT) will carry out the same responsibilities as the Counselor; however, they will work with a Counselor. The Counselors plan the 4-H Camp program with the assistance of the Counselors in Training, Camp Manager, and the County Extension Agent. All are responsible for selecting the program topics, and arranging the speakers, equipment or other materials needed for camp. Each Counselor and CIT will be responsible for specific responsibilities in the pre-planning stages of camp and at camp itself. As part of the Leadership Team, the Counselor and CIT shares in the overall responsibility for the success of camp – the learning, safety, and fun. You must also turn in a completed application to Gallatin County 4-H by **April 1, 2009 or sooner.** Selections will be made within a few weeks after the deadline.

Youth History Camp at Virginia City, Montana August 2-8, 2009

The Montana Heritage Commission, a partner in the Montana 4-H Western Heritage Project, is inviting young people ages 11 to 15 to experience Alder Gulch at their hands-on History Camp scheduled for August 2-8, 2009. Workshops will include outdoor cooking on an open fire, basket weaving, campfire stories, blacksmithing skills, gold prospecting, life on the frontier, daily living skills, tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City and much, much more! For more detailed information call (406) 843-5247 or visit www.virginiacitymt.com.

Youth Trapper Camp - June 12th-14th

The Annual Youth Trapper Camp sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Montana 4-H will be held June 12-14 in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks offers a \$20.00 scholarship for the first 60 youth who send in their applications and YTC, Inc. provides for the additional applicants who request help prior to April 15. The campers attend classes on trapping methods, ethics regulations, fur handling, health and safety. Camp instructors come from the MTA education program, Montana 4-H program and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. To request an application, visit the following site: <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/yt.htm>